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FLUID COLLECTION)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment into the file of the above-referenced application:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page of 2 this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 3 to 7, immediately after "Cross References to Related Applications," with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/876,144, filed on June 8, 2001, which claims benefit and priority from each of the following provisional applications under 37 CFR §1.78: U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/210,438, filed on June 8, 2000; U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/236,506, filed on September 29, 2000; and U.S.